The preparation time

On the way leading to a participatory prayer

Start

Who

- Who prepares?
- Who can and wants to participate?
- Whom do you invite?
- a group of 5 to 10 people is good to start with.

Meet

Where

- Where do you celebrate?
- Where can everyone feel safe and sound?
- How do we prepare the room for the prayer?
- think of the atmosphere, be creative. Maybe you want to sit in a circle.

When

- Which time do you chose for the prayer?
- How much time do you want to spend?
- E.g. evening prayer on a week day?

What it's about

- Which topic or which biblical text is at your heart?
- you can look to the lectionary for inspiration. Topics could be: responsibility, hope, relationships, climate, justice, creation…

Small groups

- Work in small groups who prepare parts of the prayer-scheme in the following table.
- Take a set amount of time, e.g. 2 hours.
- Prepare the texts in a way that allows others to join you in celebration.

Discussion and feedback

- If you are unsure or want to seek feedback, meet again and speak about the results of your groups.
- Review together: What did you like? What was missing? Make an appointment for the next prayer and invite new people into the preparation group!

Final preparation

- Set the room.
- Greet everyone arriving and invite them to participate in the liturgy.
- You can hand out small cards or stones labelled with speaker rolls which can also be found in the leaflet.

Celebrate